

Reuse • Recycle • Conserve

City of Kirkland Public Works Department



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Think Twice Before Using Pesticides

Many garden products contain toxic ingredients that fight nature rather than working with it. Insecticides, herbicides and other garden chemicals can harm people and pets and pollute the environment. The good news is that it is possible to reduce our reliance on harmful chemicals and garden with nature.

The Basics of Natural Pest, Weed and Disease Control

- **Create a healthy yard and garden to stop pest problems before they start**
Healthy plants and soil not only resist insect pests and diseases, they also encourage beneficial garden life.
- **Identify pests before you spray, stomp or squash**
Whether it's a bug, disease, or weed, you need to know how to effectively manage it. The problem could actually be incorrect mowing or pruning, improper watering, or other easily corrected practices. Also, what you may think is a pest may actually be a beneficial insect.
- **Accept a little damage - give nature a chance to work**
Natural predators often bring pests under control, but they need time to work.
- **Use the least toxic pest or weed control available**
You can often control pests and weeds by using traps or barriers, or by simply removing pests and infested plant parts. If chemical pesticides are the only option, use the least toxic product, and spot apply it.



Take a look at these resources for more information:

"Grow Smart, Grow Safe" (PDF) - www.lhwmp.org (search Grow Smart)

A consumer guide for gardeners looking to green up their gardening practices. Inside you will find tables ranking 600 pest controls, fertilizers and soil amendments from lowest to highest hazard for people, pests and the planet. This consumer guide is also packed with expert tips for the most effective, least toxic lawn and garden care techniques.

"Pesticide Use" - www.kingcounty.gov (search Pesticide Use)

"Natural Pest, Weed and Disease Control" - www.seattle.gov (search Pest Control)

Spring in to the Garden Fair

2011 springgardenfair

Mark Your
Calendars!

Saturday,
April 30, 2011
9:00am-3:30pm

UW Bothell Campus
18115 Campus Way NE,
Bothell, WA

ADMISSION IS FREE!

Waterwise Gardening and Sustainability Event

garden seminars • plants • rain barrels and
compost bins for sale • door prizes • information
for a beautiful and waterwise garden and more!

Ciscoe Morris will broadcast his 710 KIRO radio
show live and Meeghan Black from King 5's
"Gardening With Ciscoe" will be your host.

Visit www.springgardenfair.com
or call 425.487.4102 for more details.



Please Keep Your Meter and Fire Hydrant Clear

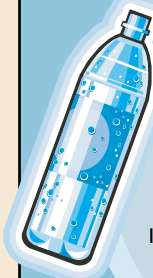
Please keep your meter box clear of debris, fences and shrubbery so that it is accessible to water division personnel. A good guide is at least three to five feet on all sides. It is also important to make sure that if there is a fire hydrant in front of your property, it too should be kept clear of debris, shrubs and other obstructions. This is critical for maintenance as well as emergency access for the Fire Department.

	Good Example	Bad Example
METER BOX		
HYDRANT		



Kirkland Residents:

Did You Know?



Recycling a single plastic bottle can conserve enough energy to light a 60-watt bulb for up to 6 hours.

--Bureau of International Recycling



Recycling Collection Event

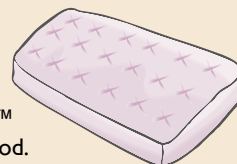
PRESENTED BY: City of Kirkland & King County

WHERE: Houghton Park & Ride (NE 70th St & I 16th Ave NE)

WHAT: Residential Collection Event

WHEN: Saturday, April 16, 9 AM to 3 PM

Clean out your garage and safely recycle items that normally cannot be left at the curb with your regular Waste Management pick-up service or recycled readily through product stewardship programs. Examples of items that you can bring are: tires, motor oil, batteries, clothing, fluorescent tubes and bulbs, porcelain toilets and sinks, mattresses, box springs, and futons (**NEW!**), Styrofoam™ blocks and packing peanuts (**NEW!**), electronic equipment and computer peripherals, and bulky wood.



No paint of any kind will be accepted. No television, desktop and laptop computers, and computer monitors will be accepted – recycle these items free through E-Cycle Washington. To find a collection site near you, visit www.ecyclewashington.org.

Single family (house) residents can still recycle all their electronics items at the curb year-round. Call Waste Management Customer Service at (800) 592-9995 at least one day before your regular garbage day or schedule the service on-line at www.wmnorthwest.com/kirkland.



Not sure what to do with those hard to recycle items? Visit King County's "What Do I Do With..." web site from www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle.

Fluorescent tubes and bulbs can be recycled at this event! (limit 10 tubes/bulbs per person)



For tips on securing your load, please visit kingcounty.gov and enter "secure your load" in the search box or call (206) 296-4466.



* Restrictions apply and some items are not collected. User fees cover the cost of proper processing and recycling. All items collected will be recycled. View the flyer at www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/recycle or call the Recycling Hotline at (425) 587-3812 for more information.

Funding provided by the King County Solid Waste Division and the King County Local Hazardous Waste Management Program.

Celebrate Earth Week: April 18-23

Monday, April 18 Switch to less toxic household products

Green cleaning products are effective, cheaper, and safer for both you and the environment. With just a few simple items (baking soda, white vinegar, castile soap, and water), you can make your own green cleaning kit. Find recipes for green cleaners at www.kingcounty.gov (search Green Cleaning Recipes).



Tuesday, April 19 Take control of your mailbox

- Get off credit offer lists – www.optoutprescreen.com
- Reduce unwanted direct mail - www.dmachoice.org
- Receive fewer catalogs - www.catalogchoice.org



Wednesday, April 20 Go for a hike

Leave your car at home and try walking, biking or busing instead. Find bus routes and schedules at metro.kingcounty.gov.



Thursday, April 21 Shop wisely

Green and practical shopping habits can help decrease your impact on the environment and on your wallet. Measure the environmental impact of your purchasing decisions with King County's EcoConsumer Waste Calculator at kingcounty.gov (search EcoConsumer Calculator). You'll also find great resources for reducing waste.



Friday, April 22 Earth Day

Pledge to take positive action, no matter how big or small, for the Earth. Pledge an Act of Green at act.earthday.org.



Saturday, April 23 Volunteer locally

Join the Green Kirkland Partnership for an invasive plant removal project at Juanita Bay Park (2201 Market Street), 9am to noon. Sign up for the project at www.EarthCorps.org.

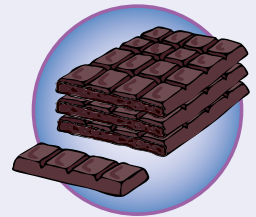
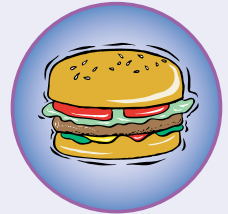
GREEN KIRKLAND
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The Hidden Water We Use

The average American lifestyle is fueled by nearly 2,000 gallons of water a day. What may come as a surprise is that very little of that - only 5% - runs through toilets, taps, and garden hoses at home. According to National Geographic, nearly 95% of your water footprint is hidden in the food you eat, energy you use, products you buy, and services you rely on.

- A gallon of gasoline, requires nearly 13 gallons of water to produce.
- The average American relies on nearly 670 gallons of water a day just for electricity production.
- Eat a bit less meat, especially beef. A typical hamburger can take 630 gallons to produce. A pound of beef requires almost 1,800 gallons of water to bring to the table vs. a pound of chicken which requires 468 gallons.
- It takes almost 7 times more water to produce a gallon of coffee than tea.
- A pound of dark chocolate requires more than 3,000 gallons of water to make.
- Buy less stuff. Everything takes water to make. So if we buy less, we shrink our water footprint.
- Recycle plastics, glass, metals, and paper. Buy re-usable products rather than throw-aways, as it takes water to make most everything.
- Recycling a pound of paper, less than the weight of your average newspaper, saves about 3.5 gallons of water.



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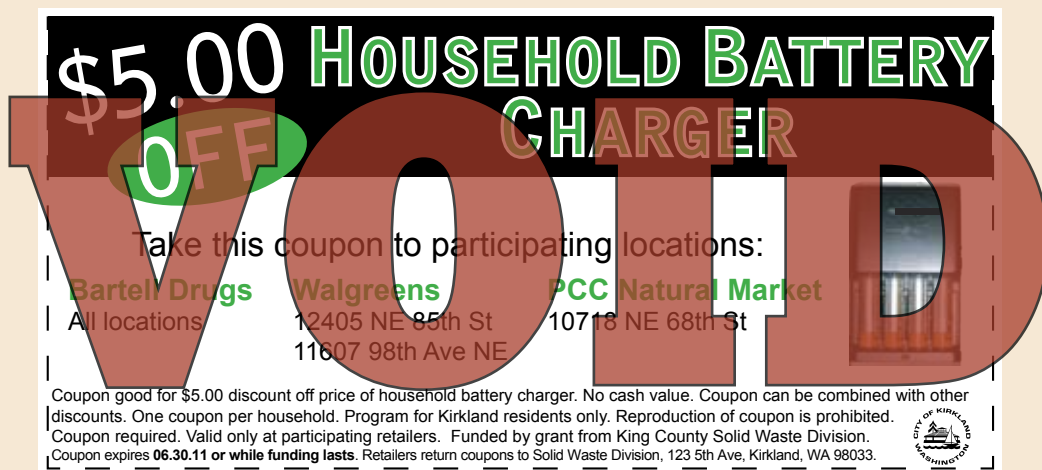
The City of Kirkland would like to hear your comments about this newsletter or your suggestions for future issues. Please call (425) 587-3907 or email vsheth@ci.kirkland.wa.us.

Get a Charge Out of Rechargeable Batteries

Why use rechargeable batteries? Well, why *wouldn't* you use rechargeable batteries? They can save you cash, reduce battery waste, and are very convenient.

- *Rechargeable batteries can be recharged and reused hundreds of times*
Hundreds of single-use batteries would be needed to equal that kind of lifespan
- *Rechargeable batteries can save you cash*
Single-use batteries must be replaced with new batteries, while a rechargeable battery gets a new life for just a few cents worth of electricity
- *Rechargeable batteries result in less waste*
Less batteries need to be processed for recycling or end up in landfills
- *Rechargeable batteries are more convenient*
You'll never have to remember to buy batteries (by having two sets of rechargeable batteries)

Bring this coupon to any of the participating retail locations (see coupon for details) for \$5 off the price of the household battery charger of your choice.



Don't be a Drip

What's the problem with motor oil?

Used motor oil is the largest single source of oil pollution in our lakes, streams and rivers. Oil and other petroleum products last a long time and are toxic to people, wildlife and plants. Oil that leaks from our cars onto roads and driveways is washed into storm drains, and then flows directly to a lake or stream.

Drips don't have to be a problem

- Regularly check for oil leaks.
- Stop drips promptly. Not only will this help a vehicle last longer, it also reduces the impact on the environment.
- Use ground cloths or drip pans beneath your vehicle if you have leaks or are doing engine work. Clean up spills immediately.
- Never dispose of oil or other engine fluids down the storm drain, on the ground or into a ditch.
- Recycle used motor oil.



Dispose of oil properly

If you have curbside garbage collection, Waste Management will pick up your oil for free.

Limit: two jugs per collection.

If you don't have curbside collection, there are plenty of places where you can drop off used motor oil. For a list of locations, check out:

- The Recycle Hotline Database (<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/recycle/> or 1-800-RECYCLE)
- earth911.com